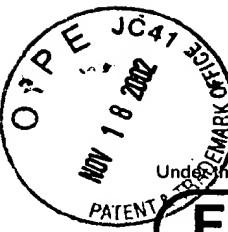


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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee		0.00	
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20		
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
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147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
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113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month			
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month			
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month			
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month			
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month			
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal			
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing			
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional			
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143 460	243 230	Design issue fee			
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee			
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(q)			
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement			
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			

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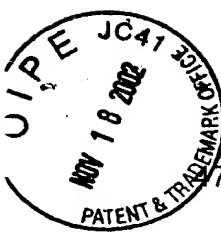
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, with reference to the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:-

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 13, 14, 22, 26 and 29 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of transporting data over a synchronous digital network, said method comprising the steps of:
generating in parallel a plurality of synchronous virtual containers, each at a lower bit rate than a bit rate of said data, each said virtual container having a payload section;

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